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The cited references are mentioned in the Supplementary Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicants' corresponding European patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. The Search Report is dated **January 21, 2002**. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) applicants' undersigned representative hereby certifies that the references listed were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. The enclosed copy of the European Search Report satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

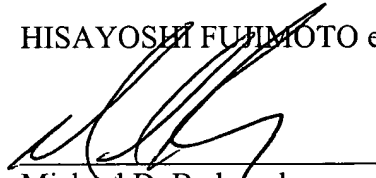
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